

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1645 without my signature.

This bill will result in unnecessary cost pressures to the General Fund as my Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is already updating its General Plan Guidelines to assist local government with considering policies that address climate change in their general plans. As a result, this bill's creation of a model climate change element to assist local governments in the development of their general plans is unnecessary.

Additionally, this bill would assign the overall development of the model elements to the California Energy Commission. However, state planning law already establishes OPR as the agency that provides guidance on the development of local government general plans.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger